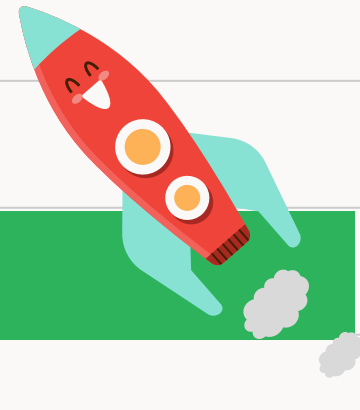




Welcome to
TK/Kindergarten
Round-Up at
Bathgate Elementary
2026-2027

Capistrano Unified School District
Bathgate Elementary School




Welcome Future Bathgate Blazers!

Your incoming TK children are
members of the high school
graduating class of
2040





Welcome Future Bathgate Blazers!

Your incoming Kindergarten
children are members of the
high school graduating class of 
2039





Today's Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Transitional Kindergarten Background
- Who is Eligible for TK?
- A Closer Look at TK: Our TK Philosophy, How TK Compares to PK and Kindergarten, What Our Students are Learning in TK and More!
- Kindergarten Information
- First Day of School and How to Prepare
- Enrollment Process
 - Required Registration and Enrollment Paperwork (**Elem Clerk**)
 - Required Immunizations for TK/Medications at school (**School Nurse**)
- PTA and Volunteer Opportunities
- YMCA





About Bathgate Elementary

- Enrollment – 591 students with 22 fully credentialed teachers in TK – 5
- Fee-based Pre-School
- Part-time Assistant Principal, Counselor, PE Teacher, Music Teacher, Art Teacher
- PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) schoolwide





About Bathgate Elementary

- 1:1 Chromebooks for all students
- At least 8 iPads in every Kindergarten class
- Part time LVN and part-time Library Tech
- After school YMCA program and Kid's Factory
- Saddleback College After School Classes



Meet our AMAZING TK/Kindergarten Teachers!

Christy Peterson
Tiffany Gilstrap
Sue Hann
Kim Bauer - TK
Jenna Hoyle - TK



Natalie Shreiner - K



New People in Your Child's Life will Include:



Natalie Odebunmi, Principal
njwestodebunmi@capousd.org

Renee Nollar, Assistant Principal
ranollar@capousd.org



Meet Our Amazing Office Staff...



Montse Gray, Office Manager
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Erin Tolmasoff, Attendance Clerk
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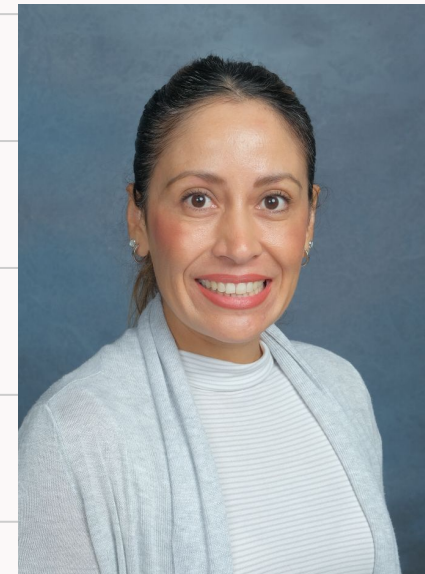




Meet Our Amazing Office Staff...



Sunshine Emerick, LVN
suemerick@capousd.org



Sandra Ventura, Bilingual Community Liaison
saventurahernandez@capousd.org





Alana VII – Facility Dog at Bathgate

Born July 27, 2022

Golden Retriever

Loves her stuffies and tennis balls



Loves to play fetch

Stays at Bathgate as long as Mrs. O is at Bathgate

Students can pet (ask first)





What is Universal Transitional Kindergarten (UTK)?

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) was introduced in 2010 for children who turned 5 years old on or between September 2 and December 2 (just missing the Kindergarten cutoff). In July 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 131, which adopted Universal TK by 2025-26. The purpose of changing TK was to ensure that all **4 year-olds would have a free year of school the year prior to Kindergarten.**

TK is considered to be “the bridge between preschool and Kindergarten!”





Who is Eligible for TK in 2026-27?

- **Any child who turns 4 by September 1st!**
 - Children who turn 4 years old on or *after* September 2nd are eligible for preschool
 - ***The District does not implement early admittance into TK, and will not accept any child who is younger than the TK eligibility dates.**
- Children who turn 5 years old on or *before* September 1st are eligible for *Kindergarten*
 - Children who turn 5 years old between June 1 and September 1st **can apply** for TK instead of Kindergarten, but *admittance will be dependent on space* in the program
 - Obligation is to place all TK-eligible students first; Kinder-eligible students may not be placed in June/July*

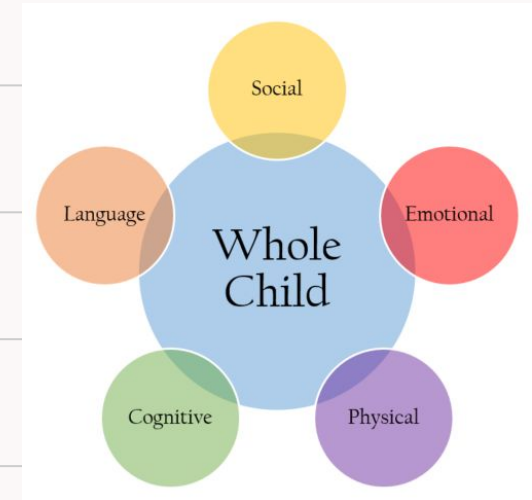


(*Timelines subject to change)

A Closer Look at TK...

Philosophy and Priorities of TK:

- Whole Child Approach to Learning
- Play-based Learning
 - Supporting development and skill acquisition through play
- Emphasis on school readiness skills
 - Teaching academic concepts in a developmental way
- Connection between school and home: Creating partnerships to support learning
- Implementation of the CA Preschool/Transitional Kindergarten Learning Foundations (PTKLFs)
 - Approaches to Learning, Social-Emotional Development, Language & Literacy, Mathematics, Visual & Performing Arts, Physical Development, Health, History-Social Science, Science



What's the Difference Between PK, TK, and Kindergarten?

Preschool	Transitional Kindergarten	Kindergarten
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 hours long (*Half-day program) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 hours long 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 hours long
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly 3-year-olds, some 4-year-olds (mixed age groups) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 4 years old at entrance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 5 years old at entrance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 students per class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 students per class (10 per session) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24-32 students per class
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:8 adult to child ratio • One classroom teacher, one paraprofessional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:10 adult to child ratio • One classroom teacher, one part time paraprofessional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No ratios in place • One classroom teacher
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole child approach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole child approach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academics (Teaching and Learning), Social-Emotional (Student Well Being), and Positive Behavior
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA Preschool/Transitional Kindergarten Learning Foundations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA Preschool/Transitional Kindergarten Learning Foundations (and some exposure to Common Core and Content Standards) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Core State Standards

**Most of our PK classrooms are a half-day program. We also offer a full-day program on a limited basis.*



What Will My Child Be Learning About in TK?

TK focuses on school readiness skills! In TK, students will be learning:


- **Social-Emotional Skills**
 - How to identify feelings and engage in self-regulation
 - How to make friendships, play cooperatively, take turns, play creatively, etc.
- **“Ready to Learn” Skills**
 - How to participate in daily routines, follow directions, listen attentively
- **Math Skills**
 - Number sense and counting
 - Shape and pattern work
- **Language and Literacy Skills**
 - Phonemic awareness and learning letter sounds and names
 - How to use words to express wants, needs, ideas, and to dialogue
 - Understanding components from stories
- **Science**
 - Exploration of their world around them
- **Physical Development**
 - Fine motor: Pre-writing and drawing skills, cutting, manipulating small objects
 - Gross motor: Body coordination and movement





About our TK Classrooms

Structure:

- Class is approximately 4 hours a day
 - Early Bird/Late Owl model (about 2 hours of overlap)
 - Taught by a certificated teacher with 24 ECE units
 - Includes one part-time paraprofessional
 - Class breakdown:
 - 20 students total
 - 1:10 adult to student ratio must be maintained
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TK Daily Routines

All of our TK Classrooms include the following components:

- Circle Time
- Free Play/Free Choice
- Small group instruction (Centers)
- Whole group instruction
 - Phonemic Awareness, Language and Literacy, Math Instruction, Social-Emotional Development
- Music & Movement
- Snack/Lunch
- Recess/Outdoor Play





Is My Child Ready for Kindergarten?



Kindergarten Readiness Social and Kinesthetic

A child entering kindergarten should be able to:

- Express himself/herself verbally
- Speak in complete sentences
- Ask questions
- Have the confidence to separate from a parent or caregiver and stay with another adult





Kindergarten Readiness Social and Kinesthetic

A child entering kindergarten should be able to:

- Share with others willingly - cooperate
- Play alone without adult assistance
- Finish what he/she starts
- Run, hop, jump, swing and gallop
- Roll, throw and catch a ball
- Clean up after working and playing





Kindergarten Readiness Academic Readiness

Children in Kindergarten need to be able to:

- Sit still for 10 to 15 minutes
- Work individually and in small groups
- Listen to a story or participate in an activity
- Respond to questions related to an activity
- Follow simple two-step directions
- Hold a pencil correctly





Kindergarten Readiness Academic Readiness

Signs of academic readiness include:

- Showing an interest in print and books
- Uses pencils, crayons, markers, and scissors
- Recognizes his/her own name
- Write his/her own name with a capital and lowercase letters





Kindergarten Readiness Academic Readiness

- Knows shapes and colors
- Counts 10 objects and recognizes numerals 1-10
- Recognizes and names uppercase and lowercase letters out of sequence
- Knows at least half of the letter sounds
- Has limited exposure to electronic media





Kindergarten Schedule

Daily Routine

- Flag Ceremony (Fridays only)
- Language Arts
- Recess
- WIN/Chromebooks
- Lunch
- Math
- Science/Social Studies
- Recess
- PE/Art
- Library
- Music





Schedules

TK Schedule

M-T-Th-F

EB 8:00 a.m.-11:53 a.m.

LB 9:30 a.m.-1:23 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.-11:53 p.m.

(EB & LB come together)



Kindergarten Schedule

M-T-Th-F 8:00 a.m.- 2:10 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 12:55 p.m





Food & Nutrition Services

- Breakfast and lunch are available to all students at CUSD for **FREE**.
 - Depending on the time of recess, TK students have access to free breakfast and/or free lunch.
- Meals follow **Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act** regulations and include:
 - Whole Grains, Protein, Fruits, Vegetables & Milk.
- CUSD is **Eat Real Certified**
Awarded to districts for promoting healthy food practices focusing on fresh, minimally processed, and locally sourced meals.




Education Benefit Form


- Submit an Education Benefit Form to see if your family qualifies for benefits.
- Apply each school year!
 - Applications for the new school year open in mid July and remain open all school year.
- Questions? Contact Food & Nutrition: 949-234-9509.

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR
YOUR FAMILY & YOUR SCHOOL!**

THE EDUCATION BENEFIT FORM:

**BENEFITS YOUR FAMILY**


- Free Chromebook coverage
- Discounted bus passes
- Discounted before & after school enrichment programs
- Discounts and fee waivers for college applications and admission tests
- Discounts and fee waivers for Advanced Placement (AP) tests
- Discounts on internet, electric, gas, and cell phone services


**BENEFITS YOUR SCHOOL**

- Provide increased funding through the Local Control Funding Formula
- Fund support staff
- Fund computers & technology
- Fund career tech programs
- Discounted internet costs to district
- Provide grants to improve school meal quality


APPLY TODAY!


Complete an Education Benefit Form **EVERY** School Year for Continued Benefits!



 Fill out one form per family  Have your student's 7 digit ID #

 Apply online for 24 hour turnaround schoolcafe.com/CAPOUSD

 Paper forms available upon request & process in 10 business days


**CUSD uses School Cafe to...
MANAGE A LA CARTE BALANCES**

APPLY FOR BENEFITS

- Submit & track your Education Benefits Form
- View benefit eligibility letters

- A la carte items sold at middle & high school ONLY
- Make payments for a la carte
- View a la carte purchases & set restrictions
- Set up auto-pay & low balance alerts


QUESTIONS?

 CUSD Food & Nutrition Services | 32972 Calle Perfecto, San Juan Capistrano
(949) 234-9509

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Food & Nutrition Services – FAQ

- **My student has a food allergy - what do I do?**
 - Submit a **Medical Statement to Request Special Meals**. Must be signed by a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or registered dietitian.
 - Available at capistrano.healtheliving.net
- **We are a vegetarian family - what do I do?**
 - Vegetarian options are available daily and are indicated on the menu. 
- **Our family does not eat pork - what do I do?**
 - Few items contain pork and are indicated on the menu.

Food & Nutrition Contact Information:

 **949-234-9509**

 **capofood**



 **capistrano.healtheliving.net**





The First Day of School!

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

TK Parents: Plan on attending the first day of school with your child from 8:00am to 9:13am.

*This will be a shortened day where you and your child will meet the teacher and learn more about the classroom and procedures.



Kindergarten: 8:30am - 9:43am

*Kindergarteners will attend a shortened first day of school **without** parents.





Save the Date!

Kindergarten Assessments

Wednesday, August 12th

Last Name - A-L: 9:00am - 10:30am
Last Name - M-Z: 10:30am - 12:00pm





How to Prepare for the First Day

Have your child practice the following at home:

- Being completely independent in bathroom (i.e. pull down/pull up clothing, wipe independently, etc.)
- Opening and closing backpack, lunch box, and water bottle
- Carrying their own backpack, lunchbox or any personal belongings
- Putting on and taking off their shoes
- Practicing good hygiene skills- hand washing, covering mouth/nose, and using a tissue
- Asking for help when it's needed
- Listening to stories by reading to your child daily
- Separating from you/saying goodbye

Tips for Getting Your Child Ready for School!





How to Prepare for the First Day – cont'd

We kindly ask that you please make sure:

- All of your child's items are labeled with their first and last name
- Your child wears appropriate shoes for running and the playground (i.e. sneakers, no Crocs or sandals).
- Recommended items for school:
 - Normal-sized backpack
 - Lunchbox
 - Water bottle
 - Extra clothes in case of an accident/emergency





Food – Snack/Lunch

TK/Kindergarten is “nut safe” - not “nut free”

TK/K students have the opportunity to participate in the free **Universal Meals.**

Snack - small nutritious snack

TK snack: 15 minutes to eat, 15 minutes to play

Kinder snack: 10 minutes to eat, 10 minutes to play

Kinder lunch: 20 minutes to eat, 20 minutes to play

Please have your child practice opening and closing lunch boxes and baggies. School does not provide utensils.





Drop Off/Pick Up

Parents will stay behind the front blue gate during drop off and pick up.

Drop-off

- Drop-off starts at **7:45 am**
- Students come to the TK/Kindergarten yard
- Sit in line with their backpacks
- TK Drop off for Late Birds: 9:25 by blue gate (by small parking lot)

Pick-up

- Kinder Pick-up at 2:10 pm
- TK Pick-up at 11:53am/1:23pm outside blue gate (by small parking lot)
- Dismissal in front of blue gate to an **adult**
- YMCA and Kids Factory will escort students





School Supplies

Kinder “School Tool Box”

- You can order a school tool box for **\$59.08**
- Orders start **February 15th**
- (<https://schooltoolbox.com>, navigate to Find Your School, put in Bathgate)
- Everything you need for school supplies and the preferred brand!
- Supplies will be in child’s classroom on the 1st day of school.
- School supply list also on the Bathgate website if you’d like to shop the sales!





Visiting/Volunteering at Bathgate

Visitors/Volunteers:

- MUST check in and out of front office with driver's license and wear a badge on campus at all times
- Tier I –unsupervised contact (LiveScan)
- Tier II – supervised contact








We Love Our Volunteers!

- Only Tier I volunteers can attend field trips!
- Secure LiveScan will be at Bathgate in August and/or September to fingerprint all Tier I volunteer applicants.
- More information to come via School Messenger





How Do I Enroll My Child To Bathgate's TK/Kindergarten Program?



Enrolling at Bathgate?

- Bathgate is open to students residing in Bathgate or Viejo boundaries.
- School of Choice applications are available on the CUSD website. The School of Choice window is 1/5/26 - 2/1/26. In order to apply, the student must first register at their **home** school to obtain their 7 digit ID number.
- Bus transportation from Viejo is available.





Registering for TK/Kindergarten

Registration instructions and forms can be found on the Bathgate website.

Registration is a two-step process!

1. Online registration with CUSD will open soon- go to <https://Bathgate.capousd.org>. Click on the “Registration” tab.



****Make sure you select the correct school year**

2. Return completed registration packet to Bathgate starting on **Tuesday, January 6** between **9:00 am – 1:00 pm** along with:


- Online registration print-out
- Required documents





Required Registration and Enrollment Paperwork:

The following documentation is required to finalize enrollment:



- Online registration print-out (signed)
- Verification of residency (mortgage document/rental agreement AND current utility bill)
- Proof of age (Birth Certificate, Passport, Immigration document) 
- Child's immunization record (current)
- Copy of parent/guardian ID





Registering for Kindergarten

If your child is currently in TK in CUSD:

- You do **NOT** need to re-register online.
 - Bring current proof of residence (mortgage statement/rental agreement AND a current utility bill) to Bathgate starting on **Tuesday, January 6** from **9:00 am – 1:00 pm.**
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HEALTH AT SCHOOL

When to keep your child home

- Temperature of 100.4
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Undiagnosed rash
- Unusually red eyes with drainage (not allergy related)
- Other symptoms of illness/ cold symptoms (cough, sore throat, congestion, etc.)



Medication at School

1. Requires doctor's order/parent consent form
2. Should be dropped off by parent to front office
3. Must be in original container with pharmacy label
4. Kept in a locked cabinet in the health office



Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment

Complete before May 31st.

California law requires that the oral health assessment be completed by May 31 in either Kindergarten or 1st grade, whichever is your child's first year in public school (*Ed. Code Section 49452.8*)

Assessments that have happened within 12 months before your child enters school also meet this requirement.

Blank form is in kindergarten packet

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Oral Health Assessment Form

California law (*Education Code Section 49452.8*) states your child must have a dental check-up by May 31 of his/her first year in public school. A California licensed dental professional operating within his scope of practice must perform the check-up and fill out Section 2 of this form. If your child had a dental check-up in the 12 months before he/she started school, ask your dentist to fill out Section 2. If you are unable to get a dental check-up for your child, fill out Section 3.

Section 1: Child's Information (Filled out by parent or guardian)

Child's First Name:	Last Name:	Middle Initial:	Child's birth date:
Address:			Apt.:
City:			ZIP code:
School Name:	Teacher:	Grade:	Child's Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Parent/Guardian Name:	Child's race/ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-racial <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		

Section 2: Oral Health Data Collection (Filled out by a California licensed dental professional)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Consider each box separately. Mark each box.

Assessment Date:	Caries Experience (Visible decay and/or fillings present) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Visible Decay Present: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Treatment Urgency: <input type="checkbox"/> No obvious problem found <input type="checkbox"/> Early dental care recommended (caries without pain or infection; or child would benefit from sealants or further evaluation) <input type="checkbox"/> Urgent care needed (pain, infection, swelling or soft tissue lesions)
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Immunizations



- **Students must be fully immunized before entering kindergarten**
- **You must show proof of immunization when registering your child**
- **Exceptions include a permanent medical exemption or a temporary medical exemption- Updates to requirements January 1, 2021**



TK Immunization Requirements

Polio

4 Doses

3 doses ok if one dose was
given on or after fourth
birthday

DTAP

5 Doses

4 doses ok if one
dose was given on
or after fourth
birthday

MMR

2 Doses

Must be given on or
after first birthday

Hep. B

3 Doses

Varicella

2 Doses

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Regarding Medical Exemptions for Immunizations

- The California Immunization Registry Medical Exemption web site is a secure site for physicians to issue and manage standardized medical exemptions for children in school or child care. Parents use the same site to request medical exemptions from vaccination for their children. Schools and child care facilities can monitor and get updates for medical exemptions issued for children in attendance. The school will not be able to print a copy of the actual medical exemption so it still must be printed by the Physician's office and delivered to the school.

Visit/visite <https://cair.cdph.ca.gov/exemptions/home> for more information



Hearing and Vision




- **Students will have their hearing and vision screened in kindergarten**
- **This is a state mandated requirement**
- **Subsequent screenings are done in 2nd, 5th and 8th grade**



Specialized Health Needs

Action Plans

1. Food Allergy Action Plan
 2. Insect Allergy Action Plan
 3. Asthma Action Plan
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Forms are available from school health office

Contact district nurse for other medical needs or accommodations





Health Conditions – Other Useful Tips

- Include any diagnosis in parent portal
- Keep your contact phone numbers updated
- Contact your district nurse:
Ms. Krause for any questions or concerns or
sakrause@capousd.org





Did You Know? We Offer Preschool here in CUSD!

- Have a child who misses the TK eligibility date? Consider enrolling in one of our preschool programs!
- We offer a **tuition-based model** (half-day and full-day, and 2-day, 3-day, or 5-day a week options), and the **California State Preschool Program** (a half-day, 5-day a week **FREE** program for all who meet eligibility) and select locations.
- Children **must be 3 years old by December 1, 2026** to enroll and begin on school on August 18, 2026.
- Potty-training not required for preschool



Want to know more? Contact 949-234-5341 or visit our Early Childhood Programs website:

(<https://www.capousd.org/subsites/Early-Childhood-Education/index.html>)





Registration Packet Special Needs

- Current IEP?
 - Speech and/or Language concerns?
 - Social/Emotional concerns?
 - Please specify on Program Information form in registration packet.
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STARS

Success Through Academic Readiness and Social Skills

The STARS Program

smaller classroom setting

slower pacing,

small group instruction

specialized strategies are implemented



The program addresses student needs related to academics, language, behavior, and social skills.





STARS

Success Through Academic Readiness and Social Skills

Placement is determined by the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) team.

Student participation in general education is determined individually based on each student's unique needs, as determined through the IEP process.



Related service providers are incorporated as needed and determined by the IEP Team to further support each student's individual needs.





Let us know if your plans change!

- If you're "TK/Kindergarten shopping"
- If you change your mind on attending
- If you move away
- If you decide to wait one more year for TK/Kindergarten
- Please help us plan for next year by letting us know as soon as possible





HOW DOES BATHGATE PTA RAISE MONEY?

- TURKEY TROT (FUN RUN)
- SPIRIT WEAR
- CELEBRATION BOOKS
- PTA MEMBERSHIP
- CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP
- MARQUEE
- FUND PHOTOS
- SQUARE1 ART
- SCHOOL TOOLBOX
- COMMUNITY EVENTS



Bathgate's Partners

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president@bathgatepta.com

YMCA Director – Allison Wong

awong@ymcaoc.org

949-363-7089





Stay Informed

Bathgate Website

<https://bathgate.capousd.org>

Sign-up for School Messenger TODAY!

Facebook @bathgateblazers

Instagram @bathgateblazers

X @BathgateBlazers

Threads @Bathgateblazers





I believe the children are our future

Teach them well and let them lead the way

Show them all the beauty they possess inside

Give them a sense of pride to make it easier

Let the children's laughter remind us how we used to be

Linda Creed / Michael Masser





Questions?





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